

YHREF 2010

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How can organisations better and more cost-effectively work together across Yorkshire & Humber on environmental issues?

What environmental character do you want to have ten/twenty years from now?

What is the role of Sub-Regions in enhancing the environment?

Yorkshire & Humber Regional Environment Forum is in its tenth year. In that time we have enjoyed many achievements, especially devising and pursuing a shared environmental agenda, influencing decision-making, developing a widely-envied online network.

We have also learned many hard lessons and faced perennial challenges, as money has become tighter and partner organisations have been through difficult structural changes.

One of the most striking changes over the last decade has been that political attitudes to climate change have been revolutionised – locally, nationally and internationally – and the environmental community

now needs to maintain this momentum during difficult economic times.

2010 is shaping up to be a year of unknown quantities and interesting challenges: a new coalition government, spending cuts across the public sector, and the growth of sub-regions as units of planning and decision-making.

So what will become of environment?

Who will be making the decisions?

Do we need to do things differently, and are we equipped to do so?

To help answer these questions YHREF would like to invite you to a workshop to catalyse and improve working relationships between environmental organisations and local and sub-regional partnerships.

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Date:

Tuesday 13th July 2010
10am - 1pm

Venue:

Rose Bowl, Leeds



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our agenda

events 2010

10.00	Introduction and welcome from YHREF	Simon Bowens
10.10	Context setting – latest developments from coalition Government (abolition of RSS and Yorkshire Forward, scrapping of the IRS process and disbanding of Regional leader's Board) and growth of role of sub-regions	Simon Bowens
10.30	Introduction to Leeds City Region (Forerunner Pilot) – role and responsibilities. Initiatives taken so far (UES, Transport Strategy, GI work and Local Carbon Framework pilot). Likely role in the future 15 mins for presentation plus 15 mins for Q&A	Melanie Taylor/ Andy Haigh
11:00	YHREF Environmental Limits work – what it is and how it can be applied to Leeds City Region	Andrew Wood
11:15	DEFRA Ecosystems Approach – what it is and how it can be applied to Leeds City Region	Tim Ashelford (GOYH)
11:30	Coffee	
11:45	Roundtable discussions focussed on three areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing carbon footprint Enhancing natural environment and environmental capacity Creating a more sustainable place Main focus to be on what is distinctive about the Leeds City Region that adds to the pressure on these aspects or presents opportunity to improve and to create a more sustainable City region.	Facilitators: Simon Bowens Colin Holm (Natural England) Andy Haigh
12:25	Report back from groups	
12:40	Next steps – how does Leeds City Region involve environmental stakeholders? Should these stakeholders build a network at an LCR level and what are the next steps to do this? More about getting a launch pad for further work (online/face to face networking) than coming up with any firm proposals for structures etc.	Simon Bowens

Sub-Regional Workshops

Leeds City Region

Tuesday 13th July

York & North Yorkshire Sub-Region

Thursday 12th August

Humber Sub-Region

September TBC

Sheffield City Region

September TBC

Policy Conference

Regionwide

November TBC

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